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SUBJECT: PROPOSED MEETING INDOCHINA DONORS' GROUP

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MANILA FOR USADB

1. FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORIZATION ON
IDA REPLENISHMENT, WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH IBRD

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PRESIDENT MCNAMARA ABOUT RESCHEDULING A MEETING OF THE

INDOCHINA GROUP. GIVEN OUR CONCERN AND REALIZATION OF GOJ NEED FOR MULTILATERAL UMBRELLA, WE TOLD IBRD THAT US FAVORS IBRD-LED MEETING EVEN PRIOR TO RATIFICATION OF IDA REPLENISHMENT. WE WOULD SEE THIS MEETING AS APPROPRIATE STAGE TO SET UP SUB-GROUPS FOR SOUTH VIETNAM AND LAOS. IBRD NOW PREPARED TO CALL SUCH MEETING WEEK OF OCTOBER 14, PROBABLY IN PARIS. DATE STILL NEEDS TO BE COORDINATED WITH ADB BUT IBRD HOPES TO NOTIFY APPROPRIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS SHORTLY.

2. BERNARD BELL, RECENTLY APPOINTED IBRD DIRECTOR FOR ASIA, IS NOW ON EXTENSIVE TRIP DURING WHICH, INTER ALIA, HE IS TO SOUND OUT SOME DONORS. HE HAS ALREADY BEEN TO MANILA AND WILL BE IN TOKYO AUGUST 18-22.

3. THUS, SEZAKI IN ERROR ASSUMING THAT IBRD NO LONGER WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN DONORS' MEETING. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT PROPOSED MEETING AND GOJ CAN BE ASSURED THAT USG HAS TAKEN INITIATIVE IN PROMOTING MEETING. WE ARE ALSO URGING JAPANESE EMBASSY WASHINGTON TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH IBRD HERE.

4. URGE EMBASSY TOKYO APPROACH GOJ PRIOR TO BELL'S VISIT INFORMING THEM ALONG LINES ABOVE RE USG POSITION AND TO SUGGEST GOJ LEND FULL SUPPORT TO INDOCHINA DONORS' MEETING DURING CONSULTATIONS WITH BE66. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S AND USADB REPORTS ON WHAT TRANSPIRED ON BELL'S CONSULTATIONS RE INDOCHINA MEETING. KISSINGER

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